

REMARKS


Claims 1-4, 8-13, 23-30, and 32-37 are pending, with claims 1, 11, 23, and 29 being independent. Claims 1, 11, 13, 29, and 32-34 have been amended, and claims 21, 22, and 31 have been cancelled.

The Office Action indicates that claims 21, 22, and 31 contain allowable subject matter, and that claims 23-28 are allowed. The foregoing amendment amends claim 1 to include the subject matter of claim 21, amends claim 11 to include the subject matter of claim 22, and amends claim 29 to include the subject matter of claim 31. Accordingly, Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 11, 23, and 29, and those claims depending from them, are in condition for allowance, and requests that the next action be a notice of allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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